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"I DON'T MATERIALIZE"

Says GORD

THE FUNCTIONING OF PSYCHIC LAWS — THE 'HOW' AND 'WHY'

"Other Side" Explanation
of Spirit Contact

By

BROWN LANDONE, F. R. E. S.

It was the night of last April 13th, Friday, and the thirteenth time that Gord and I had chatted together of a late evening or early morn, since that first time after he was killed in action.

This night of April 13th was in the time of the new moon; Gord appeared just a few minutes before midnight, and stayed on into the early hours of the 14th, when the morning stars—Mercury and Mars—were particularly brilliant. I was in my study alone, correcting ordinary correspondence for the typists in the morning.

Sounds Fishy

One of these letters was my answer to a friend—a professor of physics in a western university. He had written to me after reading my little booklet, "He came, We talked, He left." As a physicist, the major thought of his work deals with the laws of physics—teaching the nature of matter and its energies.

He had written, saying—"I am not blind to the fact that there is something beyond our science of physics—for we are only beginning to know a little of the vibratory energies of the universe.

"However, I cannot understand—from all we know of the laws of vibration—how Gord could materialize and dematerialize himself. That sounds very fishy to me."

Certain Terminology

I had answered that letter as clearly as I could, telling my friend that I felt that the terms—materialize and de-materialize—were mistaken terms, just as the term "generate" in electricity is a mistaken term. The word "generate" means to give birth to, but certainly a dynamo never "gives birth" to any electricity. Generate was used in the early days of physical science, when we did not know what does happen when a dynamo initiates a flow of electricity along a wire.

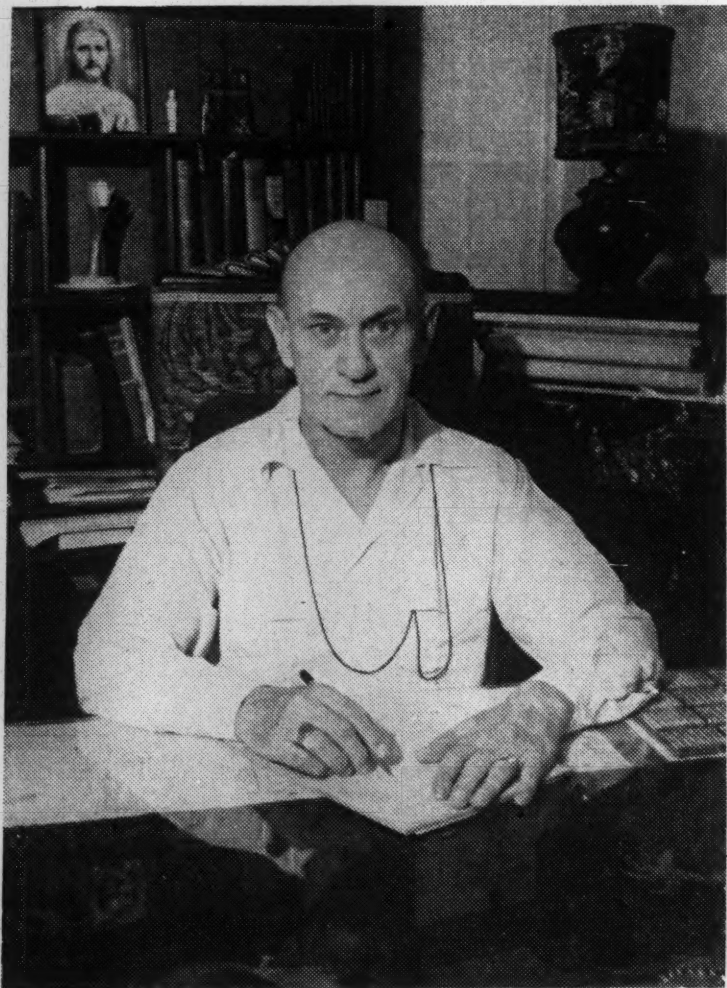
So also, it seems to me, that—in our first knowledge of the manifestation of spirit—many terms were terms used—which we have carried on, although we now know facts which can be more clearly expressed by other terms.

What I Saw!

As I was correcting this letter, I felt—as I so often feel—the presence of greater power, very near! Not merely consciousness of the Infinite which is always surrounding each soul on earth, but some particularized manifestation of power.

Unconsciously I glanced to the south end of my study, to that mirror that I've lately built in the wall—the mirror that reaches from

SPIRITUAL EDUCATOR AT WORK



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floor to ceiling, so that it makes my study look twice as long as it used to look.

There I saw Gord, but in clothes, different from any I'd ever seen him wear. He stood there smiling, in a long green silky robe, that fell in folds from his shoulders to his feet.

For a moment I was surprised, because—as he began walking toward me—that green robe gradually faded and his clothing changed, to a gray tweed suit.

... On the Beam

After our greeting, his first sentence was—"I heard you dictating that letter this afternoon, and came tonight so I might talk it over with you. I've been learning very much; in fact, BL, I've learned more these last few months than I ever expected to learn in years."

"You see, I'm fed up with the vagueness of information of others who have passed on; so I've visited classes, unseen, of some of the professors of physics and chemistry in your universities. I've been winging around; and probably the professors would explode if they knew that I might mention them or the colleges in which they teach."

"But anyway, BL, believe it or

not, I've been learning a potful of knowledge of physics and of energy. And I've checked what they teach with what I know from my own experiences."

Gord had sat down in the chair opposite my desk, long before he had finished this, for him, quite long speech.

Then he continued, "I know what you're thinking about those terms—materialize and de-materialize—and you're on the beam, BL. We ought to clarify them, so they will lead to less misunderstanding."

"You know, when I listened to you dictating that letter this afternoon, I thought of algebra. When we begin a problem, we use an x and y; but only because we don't know the unknown factors. Then when we solve the problem, and have the answers, they take the place of x and y."

"Isn't that the way in every new science, man begins with an x and y for some of the things he doesn't know at that time. Later he can change to better terms, as he learns more."

"Tonight, as you saw me, I came THROUGH that glass mirror at the end of the room, and also through the wooden wall outside. But get this, BL, I did NOT de-materialize, and I'm NOT materialized now. I don't do anything, such as is meant by those words—for de-materialize means to TAKE MATTER APART, doesn't it? And materialize means to put particles of matter together again. Well, we never do that!"

"I myself don't care a snipper about the terms, but people should be given a little clearer idea of just what does take place."

Unbelievable?

Then he stopped suddenly, looked at me—and said—"You want something cold to drink, don't you?"

I had not realized it, but when he mentioned it, I knew that I did. "I'll get it," he said, "I know what you want. I often come here, but don't make myself evident, because you're busy. But I know

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Ed. Bodin Reviews

"The Wind Is Ninety"

New York's Latest Psychic Stage Play

God said, "Let there be light . . ."
And the light arose in the East . . .

And in aviation, the East is Ninety . . . hence the title THE WIND IS NINETY—meaning the East from whence cometh all light to those who have been darkened by war and death.

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The kaleidoscopic spectrum of drama focuses its perfect beam on one of the stars of the play, Blanche Yurka, who as the dead captain's mother, radiates the light of understanding which the playwright, Captain Ralph Nelson breathed into the dramatic manuscript of spiritualistic truth.

Actress Vouches

Miss Yurka, who has starred in many plays and motion picture productions such as *Song of Bernadette*, *A Tale of Two Cities*, does not play the most important role as far as theatrical valuation is concerned, but she does carry the hope of the play, that Spiritualism offers; for her role is the blood-stream of grief that only a mother knows.

And Miss Yurka has admitted she chose the role because she believed in the play. Here are her own words recorded by your reporter: "This play proves that life goes on—and that death is a part of a greater experience. I think that now people want to be assured more than ever of a continuation of life. They need the help and conviction that such a play brings them."

Plot of the Play

And this conviction made possible a wonderful performance by Frances Reid as the wife of the dead flyer—and outstanding acting on the part of the two children of the flyer, Donald Devlin and Joyce Van Patten. The father, Bert Lytell lived up to the part one expects from a master, and who as a doctor could catch the understanding of everlasting life.

The star is Wendell Corey, a fighter pilot who has been killed over Germany and returns home in spirit accompanied by Kirk Douglas, a private of the First World War who had been killed before his son was born, but who still watches over the boy, now in service.

The spirit of the captain tries

"LIFE GOES ON"



"Psychic Observer"
Blanche Yurka

She says that people need to know that life goes on . . . there is no death.

to reach his family to tell them he is still alive. He gets very discouraged as they allow memories to come back to life, but not him. Even before his wife gets word of his passing, he tries to get through to her, for he fears: "When you hear I am dead, you will be afraid. But I am alive, darling. Please believe it."

Find the Key!

The soldier with the captain, tries to make it easy for the new spirit to understand that "death is hard when there are too many loose strings left behind." And in one spot he says with authority: "It's the imagination of death that scares people. If they knew the truth, they would welcome our return; because death is lonely for the living unless they know we live."

"But the captain insists 'there is a key.' He feels that if he can reach one of his loved ones, he can reach all. He tries to make them know that his presence depends on their need of him. He gets his first hope when he hears his wife say: 'He can't be far away when we feel him so close.'"

Not "Dead" To Them

Finally after days of grief and resorting to memories, his presence is felt by his loved ones, and his young son cries out in faith: "Hello daddy." Then all of his dear ones face the East and feel his presence, and he knows he is no longer "dead" to them.

The play is a triumph for Spiritualism whether one cares to admit it or not. The play as a (Continued on Page 4, Col. 1)

And Now . . . Another Series of Articles by Brown Landone

BROWN LANDONE has just submitted to PSYCHIC OBSERVER, a series of four manuscripts. His article beginning on this page is the first in that series. Titles to follow: "Gord says: 'I slow down to pass through walls.'" (September 25th); "Your Certainty of Becoming Psychic, . . . ?" (October 10th); "Pietro, Gord and Others" (October 25th).

Who Was CROOKES?

By W. H. H. SHARP

William Crookes was born in London, June 17th, 1832. In 1854, at the age of twenty-two years, he became Superintendent of the meteorological section of Radcliffe Observatory, Oxford, and in 1856 he attained to the professorship of chemistry at Chester Training College. In 1859, Professor Crookes discovered Thallium, a soft bluish-white metal, the salts of which are employed in modern therapeutic practice.

In 1862, Crookes invented the "Crookes Tube", an early forerunner of the modern X-Ray apparatus. It was while experimenting with the use of the Crookes Tube that Prof. Wilhelm Konrad von Roentgen discovered the Roentgen Ray, commonly known as the X-Ray, which has proven of untold value to the medical and surgical professions in the diagnosis and treatment of disease.

Knighted in 1897

In 1863, Professor Crookes was elected Fellow of the Royal Society and thereafter many noteworthy scientific bodies conferred distinction on him. Crookes made his name famous because of his important researches in the field of molecular physics, radiant matter and high vacua; concentrating his attention on radioactive substances, in the course of which he invented the spintharoscope and the radiometer.

Professor Crookes was knighted in 1897 and presided over the 1898 meeting of the British Association at Bristol. He was awarded the Nobel prize in Chemistry in 1907 and the Order of Merit was conferred on him in 1910. His publications include numerous scientific treatise on widely varied subjects. Perhaps no person in high scientific circles has done more to promote scientific proof of spirit return to this world than has Sir William Crookes.

Science Doubts

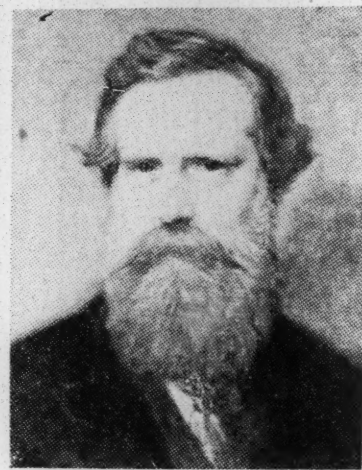
At first a somewhat skeptical investigator, he became (A.D. 1870) convinced of the need of establishing scientific proof of the truth or falsehood of the claims of the Spiritualists of his time.

A scientist of world-wide fame, Crookes was the "idoneus homo" to pursue such investigations. Sincerely scientific and scientifically sincere he went about this task with relentless fervor, feeling himself impelled, as he said, "to look into the truth or falsity of things which were being talked about in Society on all sides."

"The Spiritualist," said Crookes, "tells of rooms and houses being shaken, even to injury, by superhuman power. The man of science merely asks for a pendulum to be set vibrating when it is in a glass case. The Spiritualist tells of heavy articles of furniture moving from one room to another without human agency. But the man of science . . . is justified in doubting the accuracy of the observations, if the same force is powerless to move the index of his instrument one poor degree."

Not Mesmerization

Crookes had gone about perfecting his own scientific apparatus with a view to actually proving the truth or falsity of these claims. His apparatus included a galvanometer, an electro-magnet, two Groves cells, a spring balance affixed to a mahogany board upon which was placed a self-registering index intended to record any variations in weight ex-



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SIR WILLIAM CROOKES

erted upon the same; also an accordian placed in an insulated copper-wire cage, and certain other articles in common use in scientific experiments.

In reference to the efficiency of his equipment for these tests, Mr. Crookes claimed that any medium, no matter who he was, could hardly "mesmerize instruments". Significantly enough, he had, up to this time, experienced no conscious contacts with the world of spirits; else he should have been guarded in making this statement, true as it may appear in the abstract sense.

It was in the Quarterly Journal of Science, issue of July 1st, 1871, that Mr. Crookes reported his first series of seances. In collaboration with Daniel D. Home, an outstanding medium of his time who was ever ready and eager to place his powers at the disposal of scientists, that Crookes proceeded to develop laboratory apparatus and evolve a technique which he believed would prove conclusively the existence or non-existence of "a new force".

What Crookes Saw

It was probably not without some trepidation that Mr. Crookes wrote in "Researches into the Phenomena of Modern Spiritualism" as follows: "The phenomena I am prepared to attest are so extraordinary, and so directly oppose the firmly-rooted articles of scientific belief—amongst others, the ubiquity and invariable action of the force of gravitation—that even now, on recalling the details of what I have witnessed, there is an antagonism in my mind between

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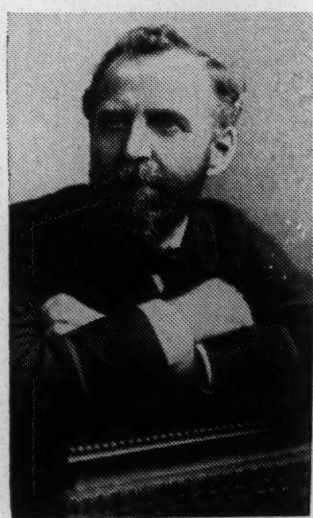
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reason, which pronounces it to be scientifically impossible, and the consciousness that my senses, both of touch and sight . . . are not lying witnesses".

Then he proceeds: "I have seen luminous points of light darting about and settling on the heads of different persons . . . In the light, I have seen a luminous cloud hover over a heliotrope on a side table, break a sprig off, and carry a sprig to a lady. On some occasions I have seen a similar luminous cloud visibly condense to the form of a hand and carry small objects about."

Crookes' Researches

"A beautifully-formed small hand rose up from an opening in a dining-table and gave me a flower; it appeared and then disappeared three times at intervals, affording me ample opportunity of satisfying myself that it was as real in appearance as my own. This occurred in the light in my own room, whilst I was holding the medium's hands and feet."

"To the touch, the hand sometimes appears icy-cold and dead, at other times warm and life-like, grasping my own with the firm pressure of an old friend. I have retained one of these hands in my own, firmly resolved not to let it escape. There was no struggle or effort, but it gradually seemed to resolve itself into vapor, and faded in that manner from my grasp."

After having perfected his laboratory apparatus and satisfied himself, to a reasonable extent, of the workability of the same, Crookes sent out invitations to a restricted list of his scientifically-minded friends and colleagues to be present and witness the test in which he (Crookes) was so deeply and ardently interested.

With scarce an exception each of these colleagues promptly and emphatically declined. Not a single member or representative of the British Association attended any of Prof. Crookes' demonstrations. The Royal Society—of which Crookes was a Fellow—appeared likewise apathetic.

Prove the Error!

In speaking of their attitude in this matter, Mr. Crookes remarked: "I must confess I am surprised and pained at the timidity or apathy shown by scientific men in reference to this subject."

To Crookes these tests were conclusive, but once he had announced the results of his experiments, tremendous opposition arose with a great uproar in scientific circles. Claims were made that Mr. Crookes, the scientist, had been deceived by tricks that would have been lucid to a normal youth of ten years of age. These claims, however, were not permitted to go unchallenged.

Professor Crookes' answer to these allegations was: "Prove it to

BRITISH SCIENTIST MATERIALIZES

through the mediumship of

CLARENCE BRITTON, FLORIDA

Fourteen Persons Witness Unusual Phenomena

By

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During a recent materialization under the mediumship of Clarence Britton at Lake Helen, Florida, about one mile distant from Cassadaga Spiritualist Camp, the form of Sir William Crookes appeared from the cabinet; very clear and distinct in a good light. The features were especially defined and he presented a most dignified appearance and distinguished mein.



W. H. H. SHARP

I was seated in the front row, directly in front of the cabinet at a distance of scarcely six feet from the point at which the form emerged from the curtain and had an excellent opportunity to observe at close range.

When this particular form presented itself there was such a striking resemblance to the portrait of the distinguished British scientist that I exclaimed, "That is Sir William Crookes!" to which he replied "That is right." He appeared pleased at being recognized.

What Crookes Did

Britton's spirit guide, Mary Anton, then spoke in an audible voice from behind the curtain, saying, "He comes to you, Dr. Sharp"; whereupon the form of Sir William smiled genially and remarked, "I am glad to see that you have been reading my book." (I had recently been reading the volume "Researches," by Sir William Crookes, purchased from DALE NEWS, INC.)

Needless to state, I was elated and deeply gratified at meeting this distinguished scientist of a past era who had done so much

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be an error by showing where the error lies, or, if a trick, by showing how the trick is performed. Try the experiment fully and fairly. If then fraud be found, expose it; if it be a truth proclaim it. This is the only scientific procedure, and that it is that I purpose steadily to pursue."

Not in His Dotage

This is the candid and ingenuous attitude of a "true scientist". These words of Professor Crookes constitute a challenge to all scientifically minded, as well as to all sincere persons of today, even as they did more than three score and ten years ago. This was the truly "scientific procedure" that he pursued, ardently and consistently, throughout his entire earthly career.

It has been stated, with some aspersion, that Crookes was in his dotage when he embraced Spiritualism. Such a statement is manifestly untrue, as he was but thirty-eight years of age in 1870, in the very prime of life—at that "magical age"—when he became deeply interested in these experiments. From that time on, until the conclusion of his earthly career, Professor Crookes was the ardent inquirer and experimenter in the realms of Spiritualism.

during his earthly career to promote the scientific interest of his time in the subject of "Spiritism", as it was then called.

Sir William then requested that his book "Researches" be handed to him. (I had brought the volume with me, intending to lend it to an acquaintance whom I expected would be present at the seance.) Upon handing the book to Sir William he took the volume in his right hand, dextrously turned the pages to the front of the book and then held up the volume, displaying his portrait to our gaze. This act was performed in as natural a manner as though it had been done by one of the members of the circle. The portrait thus exhibited was practically identical with the features of Sir William Crookes as he stood there materialized before our very eyes.

Materialized Many Times

This scene lasted in the neighborhood of sixty seconds and, after bidding us all a "Good Night" the form sank to the floor and disappeared completely. I have been present at numerous materializations by Britton and other well known mediums, but the incident just related was certainly one of the most remarkable manifestations of spirit return that I have ever witnessed.

Sir William Crookes has appeared to the writer on numerous subsequent occasions, at materializations and also at trumpet circles, at the home of Rev. Britton and elsewhere. His presence is ever most highly appreciated and esteemed.

At a recent trumpet seance, when only three persons were present, a spirit announcing himself as Sir William Crookes came in. During the course of the conversation I informed him that it was my intention to submit this account to THE PSYCHIC OBSERVER, whereupon he expressed his most agreeable satisfaction.

Among others present and witnessing the materialization of Sir William Crookes, as first above referred to, were: Mrs. Edna Dittman, President Cassadaga Spiritualist Association, Dr. and Mrs. Fred Myers of Orlando, Fla., Mr. Henry Doolittle, Mrs. R. L. Thompson, Mrs. Minnie Shirley, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Roche, Mr. and Mrs. Shafter Cassells and son Jimmie of DeLand, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Schultz and Mrs. Clarence Britton, of Lake Helen, Fla.

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THE PEACE THAT DWELLS WITHIN EACH SOUL

Ralph Waldo Trine Says:

"One must eventually find peace in the thought of death, but our loved ones are always ours, in spirit . . . and that's how we'll rejoin them."

In these days of turmoil and unrest you may find in this philosopher's words the inner comfort you need.

An Interview with
RALPH WALDO TRINE
By EVA YATES

How can we have peace—with the world going to pieces? This question is asked from every quarter today.

It is gratifying to know that Ralph Waldo Trine, author of the inspiring *In Tune with the Infinite*, in common with other great men, believes in the ultimate upward swing of the world's development. (One needs to be a philosopher these days.)

"Real peace is found only within," says Mr. Trine, "and don't worry too much about the world's outcome. If you'll examine history, you'll find the world has gone through the war period again and again, and always comes through — a little higher. We right a few wrongs with war — at frightful cost — and get a fresh start, after the people are humbled by sacrifice. It was Victor Hugo who said: 'If God had intended that man should go backward, He would have given him an eye in the back of his head.'"

Not a Dark Outlook

"It's only in the last two hundred years that man has advanced very much in Truth. Before that, we had only half-truths. Sailors thought the world was flat. The stars, we know now, are not just holes in the sky — they are suns, other worlds. It's almost miraculous how much Truth has been opened up, how man has been allowed to progress in the last two centuries. Now our ships speed through the air and under the waters. A radio message is heard around the world almost instantly, bringing all peoples together in thought. Our whole world has been transformed. And one dares not estimate how much more is yet to be revealed — or even now we know so little compared to what is yet to be revealed.

"So the outlook, over-all, is not dark. History is working out a progressive pattern and not a life is lost in vain. You may not be able to see at once, but it will be made clear to you eventually why this world conflict has to be waged.

"But peace lies not in the external world. It lies within one's own soul. To be spiritually minded is life and peace. To recognize the fact that we are spirit, and to live in this thought, is to be spiritually minded, and so to be in harmony and peace — within."

Due Compensation

It is plain that all through his life Mr. Trine has nourished his own imagination with the noble thoughts of great men. He quotes Henry Drummond, author of "The Natural Law in The Spiritual World," as saying: "Sooner or later we find out that life is not a holiday, but discipline. Earlier or later we all discover that the world is not a playground. It is quite clear God means it for a school."

And each man has his special role or job. "Life is no bed of roses," says Mr. Trine, realistically. "There will be always the daily problems . . . the bread to

get; or if it is not a bread problem, then there will be a wisdom necessary, and perplexing problems to meet in the wise use of one's wealth. There will be disillusion; there will be suffering; and death. One must face them all. But the great beauty is that those who are in earnest and those who build on the great realities of life, and keep their courage up — for them there will be a wisdom given that will enable them to meet all these things with understanding and power, and always there's a due compensation.

What Van Dyke Said . . .

"Work well done brings its own joy and satisfaction — and peace to the mind and heart. You can consecrate yourself to the lowliest kitchen work, by your attitude of mind. And do you know that peaceful attunement is felt by others at once when they meet you? In the degree that we are filled with the spirit of Peace, by opening ourselves to its inflow, does it pour through us so that we carry it with us wherever we go. We become magnets to attract peace from all sources, and are able to give it forth to others.

"It was Henry Van Dyke who said: 'Because you have occasional low spells of despondence don't despair. The sun has a sinking spell every night, but rises again all right the next morning.'"

We Make Life Complex

"First, we must learn to control our thinking. It takes courage, and will power, to avoid being worried. But you can train yourself to change your thought, by will. Avoid people, places, and things that tend to discourage you. If reading the morning headlines puts a blight on your day, forego the morning news — lay it aside until you get your best work finished. Try to see each new day as a fresh beginning. Refuse to take on the dark aspect of yesterday. Each morning is the world made new — it brings us a new chance.

"Life is not so complex if we do not persist in making it so. We need faith to bolster us. But this day you can surely manage. Anyone can live patiently, lovingly, thoughtfully, this one day, till the sun goes down. And that is all

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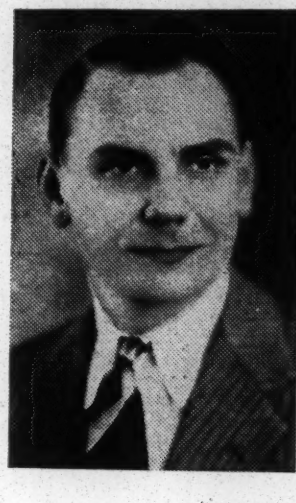
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Psychic Observer

Rev. Mable Riffle, secretary of The Chesterfield Spiritualist Camp, Chesterfield, Indiana, and Rev. Clifford L. Bias, Pastor of The People's Spiritualist Church, St. Petersburg, Florida, are scheduled to make public appearances during September at The Spiritualist Episcopal Temple, 6th and State St., Columbus, Ohio, according to Rev. Gladys Gould, resident pastor of the church.

Rev. Riffles will lecture and demonstrate both mental and physical mediumship at the above church, September 2nd, 1945. Rev. Bias will serve in a similar capacity, September 9th, 1945. Time of services, Sunday, 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M.; Wednesday at 7:45 P. M.

that life really means. After all, life is just one step at a time. And as the days and the years speed by, abundant help springs up all along the way to meet whatever problems, for one who keeps his courage up and goes steadily on his way.

A Changeless Law

"Remember that you are an individual soul, unlike any other in God's kingdom. You have a special destiny of your own. So be true to your individuality. Make your own life interesting and worth while. Listen to that voice within that guides you to your own.

"As to the wisdom that guides your daily life, there is nothing that is right and well for us to know that may not be known, when we recognize the law of its coming, and are able wisely to use it. Let us know that all things are ours as soon as we know how to appropriate them. It was one with great insight who said:

I hold it as a changeless law,
From which no soul can sway or swerve,
We have that in us which will draw
Whatever we need or most deserve.

"In a practical way we can do our best to create peace where we are. Love your God and love your neighbor — was Christ's way. You can show your love, without being maudlin, in all the countless ways of thoughtfulness, in everyday life. Be kind, be tolerant, be gentle. Each human being who spreads the spirit of peace to his surroundings is a good soldier, in his own way. He is an agent of good, a harbinger of peace that is sure to come.

Do Not Give Up

"When you live 'the good life,' happiness and inner peace is sure to follow. Righteousness, in its last analysis, is living in right relations with the laws of the universe and with the laws of our own being. If we are making a decent effort to know and to observe these laws, happiness in the main will be ours. We cannot fail if we live always in the brave and cheerful attitude of mind and heart. He alone fails who gives up and lies down."

"But how can we control our circumstances?" you may ask. To this Mr. Trine answers that we each condition our own attitude of mind. "Control your day by getting up each morning with the resolve to be happy this day. Take this attitude of mind whenever dark or doleful thought presents itself. To do this is to condition circumstances, instead of being conditioned by them.

"The way we live today determines our tomorrow. One shouldn't fight every detail. Things that we can't help we should either accept with good grace or quickly forget.

"Lowell used to say, 'the kind of world one carries about within one's self is the important thing,

and the world outside takes all its grace, color and value from that.' There are certainly those people among our friends that we welcome gladly because they seem to bring sunshine in the door with them; and there are others we expect to pour forth trouble the minute we meet them. Have you thought how you rate with your own friends?

"Of course, occasionally, the physical body itself needs refreshment and change. One should take a Sunday jaunt into the country, or visit a distant friend — for change of scene and background. But there again, by the spirit of happiness you take with you, you can measure the good you'll bring back from your outing. Unless you take happiness with you, you will find it nowhere in the world however far or varied you may travel in search for it.

The "Alone" Period

"We need these changes to get the kinks out of our minds, our nerves, our muscles — the cobwebs off our faces. We need them to whet again the edge of appetite. We need them to invite the mind and the soul to new possibilities and powers. We need them in order to come back with new implements, or with implements redressed, sharpened, for the daily duties.

"We need periods of being by ourselves — alone. Sometimes a fortnight or even a week will do wonders for one, unless he or she has drawn too heavily upon the account. The simple custom, however, of taking an hour, or even

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Work with the Law

"We need more faith in everyday life—faith in the power that works for good faith in the Infinite God, and hence faith in ourselves created in His image. And however things at times may seem to go, however dark at times appearances may be, the knowledge of the fact that 'the Supreme Power has us in its charge as it has the suns and endless systems of worlds in space' will give us the supreme faith that all is well with us, the same as all is well with the world. 'Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on Thee' is to me one of the world's greatest sayings.

"There is nothing firmer and safer and surer than Deity. Then, as we recognize the fact that we have it in our own hands to open ourselves ever more fully to this Infinite Power, and call upon it to manifest itself in and through us, we will find in ourselves an ever-increasing sense of power. For in this way we are working in conjunction with it, and it in turn is working in conjunction with us.

Do You Fear Death?

Even physically, one should learn to live peacefully. To go with the laws of Nature, instead of against them. To keep one's health by wholesome living, never to slump in mind or body, but to remain as strong as we can to the end of life. And then, like Nature, the apple falls at the right time, and you are ready to go on.

"There should be no fear or worry over death. Instead, we should enjoy our later years, for reflection. Nature is wise and gentle; she turns the mind away from the body to spiritual matters toward the end of life. Physical senses are gradually dulled. Even animals have a premonition of death—they know when the time comes and go away alone, to lay

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"I DON'T MATERIALIZE"

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what you like to drink and I'll fix it for you."

Then he went to the kitchen, and soon returned with just the drink I usually drink late at night—that is, a mixture of papaya juice and grape juice. He had even iced it well, with little cubes of ice from the refrigerator. And when I thanked him, we went on with our conversation.

"I wish," he said, "you'd help me to make this clear. I SPEED UP AND I SLOW DOWN. THAT IS WHAT I DO! When you see me and others do not see me, that's proof of your responsiveness to my rate of vibration at the time."

"Others do see, now and then, but only when THEY respond to my vibration when I'm near them."

"Let's call such response 'EVIDENCY'. That is what it is! Souls become EVIDENT! I often become evident to you; and yet I'm not evident to mother, even

THE WIND IS NINETY

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stage production in New York may not be appreciated due to the lack of background and illusion. But it will be a great success in the movies, even outdoing "Here Comes Mr. Jordan;" for "The Wind Is Ninety" IS a spiritualistic play even if some prefer to call it fantasy.

The spirit of Christ has been a fantasy too, to some, but hope and life to others; or as the playwright Captain Nelson put it in the lines of the father in the play: "Jesus is the factor in the life equation." In other words, the resurrection consciousness.

Survival Marches On

Newspapers in New York treated the play pretty much as a group of average humans react. Some raved and others questioned. The New York News praised it highly; while P. M., the radical and more earthy of journalistic sophisticates, called it "weak."

But few who have seen it have held back tears of hope. It reaches the psychic consciousness which is the only optimistic understanding left; otherwise the world shall perish in the grave of materialism.

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when I'm very near her."

"Can't you make this clear to others, BL? It is the SLOWING DOWN or SPEEDING UP of our vibrations, which makes us evident or not evident."

"It's like perception of every other form of energy. For example, I know that you yourself have written that our ears hear only a very few of the sounds that are vibrating at all times on earth; that man's ears hear vibrations only from about 7 vibrations per second up to 25,000 per second; and that most people hear vibrations up only to 13,000 or 16,000 per second."

"Isn't that so?"

The "Low" and the "High"

"Yes," I replied, "man's ear is limited—it hears only sounds that vibrate between those ranges. And you know, as the Army does, that the ears of a dog hear much higher vibrating sounds than man does. That's the reason the Army uses 'soundless whistles,' which produce tones that vibrate much faster than 25,000 vibrations per second. The dog's ears can respond to such high sounds—that is, the dog's ears are keener than those of man—so dogs hear sounds that are nothing but silence to us."

"Yet, these terms are not exactly true. Gord, for even LOW vibrations and HIGH vibrations are mistaken terms!"

"There are NO low and NO high tones—they're just slow or faster vibrations. and dogs hear the faster vibrations, even though they are just silence to our ears."

How Are We To Know?

"THAT'S IT — that's it," said Gord, "and when sounds of those whistles are not evident to man's ears, he thinks the sounds don't exist."

"That's it—and when my vibrations are HIGH, and people in bodies do not perceive them, then they say I don't exist."

"And, BL, haven't you also written something about bats singing and hearing tones much higher than the human voice?"

"Yes, a bat sings tones of 50,000 vibrations a second; they're always absolutely silent to man, about 3,746% higher than the highest soprano note ever sung by any woman's voice."

"So also the evidency of a soul—or of anything—depends on the slowness or rapidity of the vibrations radiated by the soul, and perceived by others."

Sound Reasoning

"Can't you make it clear, BL, that what they call 'materialization,' is NOT a process of putting particles of matter together? Instead it's decreasing the speed of the vibrations we radiate."

"And we do have some control over some of them — just as you have control over the speed of the car you are driving. You can drive it at 15 miles an hour, or at 40 miles, or at 70 miles an hour."

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car doesn't de-materialize when you speed it up to a seventy-mile speed, and then materialize when you slow down to 15 miles an hour!

"Now suppose," continued Gord, "that an auto is only about two inches long, and suppose also it speeds up to 10,000,000 miles an hour. Wouldn't it be going so fast you'd not even see it if it passed right before your eyes?"

"That's what I mean," said Gord, "when I say that there are thousands of people who do NOT respond to my higher vibrations, and hence they don't see me. But when I lower my vibrations there are a few who can respond to the slower vibration, and they perceive us. But there is no de-materialization or materialization in it at all."

"After all, all is spirit, isn't it, BL?"

Not a Feat of Magic

I was glad that Gord talked at length about this. Many of these ideas I'd known for years, and had written about them. But I was glad he talked of them, because it showed the amazing progress Gord's mind had made in attainment of knowledge. I was also glad he'd told me that he'd winged his way into classrooms of a great university in the southwest, and into another in Chicago, to listen to the highest knowledge of vibration, our greatest physicists and chemists are teaching.

Then I asked Gord a question which had long puzzled me—"Why is it then, since YOU know these things, that there are others with you in spirit, who still think in terms of materialization and de-materialization?"

"Why that's not strange," Gord said, "They simply continue their lives, They're not 'magically transformed' when they pass over. In fact, we DON'T 'pass over,' we just continue living on at a higher vibration! We don't go off to any other place at all. We just continue at a high vibration right here on earth with you."

Matter of Vibration

"We MINGLE with your vibrations, but our vibrations never interfere, and do not create friction."

"I got to understand that from one of the lectures of Dr. F—, in his class room three weeks ago. It's like this: We are talking now in this room. The tones of our voices are sending out vibrations

of SOUND. But every second of the time we are talking, these electric light bulbs are sending out vibrations of LIGHT. Both rates of vibration ARE INTERMINGLING, and yet they do not interfere with one another. The sound vibrations know nothing of the light, and the light knows nothing of the sound—for one is traveling a FEW FEET A SECOND, while the other is traveling THOUSANDS OF MILES A SECOND!

"It is like that in OUR existence. The radiations of you people in bodies are speeding along at much slower rates than ours; but we're intermingling all the time, and ever present."

Difficult To Explain

This is not all we talked of that night of April 13-14. In my next article, I'll write of another subject we discussed — how Gord passes through walls, et cetera.

While I still stood near my desk, Gord walked down the room, and walked into that long mirror. To my eyes, the tweed suit gradually changed to the long green silken robe; and disappeared as a sort of haze in the mirror. I'm going to ask him about that some time—for never before this thirteenth appearance, has he appeared in anything except the kind

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of clothes he had worn here on earth!

Be very certain, dear reader, I know what I'm up against in writing such an article as this. Thousands of my old friends will say I was having hallucinations that night of Friday 13th.

Yet it's just as normal to perceive the higher vibrations of a soul, as it is to perceive the high tones of a piano.

What I Found!

Yes, I admit I may have imagined all of this. Yet everything I have thought or seen during my life I have kept to myself until there were certain definite evidences which proved the perception to my own mind—whether perceptions of new facts of physical science or of spirit.

And there's one thing I've not yet told you. I smoke only one brand of cigarettes. All others, particularly all those made of usual tobaccos irritate my throat. So I stick to the one kind, I've smoked for 30 years.

As I cleared my desk before going to bed that early morning of April 14th, I found a half smoked pack of cigarettes on my desk. They were the kind Gord smoked. I marked them, F-G (from Gord) and put them away in the little cupboard where my very small stock of cigarettes is kept.

It was not I, but one of the boys who attends to keeping things in order on my desk, who found them.

Editor's Note: The next article by Dr. Landone, appearing in Sept. 25th issue will be — "I Slow Down," Says Gord, "To Pass Through Walls."

GODS FOR SALE

What Spiritualism Teaches

By EDWARD LESTER THORNE

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Various occult, exoteric or fanatic organizations have, from time to time, claimed that in a far off country a prodigy of a child or superman are awaiting the time when they will be called here by their respective organizations to go among people and preach.

In some instances the "World-Master" is claimed to be a reincarnation of the man Jesus, or "The Messiah," or the Christ.

In nearly all instances, money is constantly solicited for the support and eventual transportation of the "Master" to the much "reformed" America.

Does America need a World Master—a superman—a mystic god, to lead it to an understanding of goodness, love, justice, peace, power?

Must Be Unity

Can not real, ordinary, practical good human beings of American patriotism show us mortals the way to Light? Or are we ever to be considered hero-worshippers, carrying in our pockets miniature portraits of a child or mystic who is coming some day to lift us out of the bonds of slavery to the freedom of Love and Happiness?

Spiritualism teaches—and demonstrates—that God has already revealed unto men the manner in which all mankind may attain perfection. It demonstrates in a practical way that no one man can accomplish a reformation of the entire world, but that by cooperation through unity, without superior personalities, and with equal humility, all may bring about that which no self-styled "Master" can accomplish.

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HOW CONAN DOYLE RETURNED TO ME

Through the mediumship of

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IT ALL HAPPENED
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Within a few hours of his death Sir Arthur Conan Doyle was reported to have communicated from the Beyond. In almost every instance the claims came from America, but with one exception no evidence was produced to support the claim.

The exception came from Canada where a medium stated that the famous novelist had made a certain statement which his wife confirmed as being appropriate to circumstances known only to herself, and of such a nature that Sir Arthur would refer to it if possible.

In England, evidential communications were soon forthcoming, always through mediums Conan Doyle had known and respected. This would be characteristic of him. Doyle was always careful about his mediums. There was little likelihood of mediums who knew the creator of Sherlock Holmes attempting to exploit his name after his death.

Wife of a Judge

It is well-known that Doyle and I were friendly. I had travelled with him, lectured with him, experimented with him, acted as test medium for him, and a few days before his death received a telegram from him expressing his sorrow at being too ill to welcome me back from America where I had been lecturing and demonstrating.

It was, therefore, not unlikely that on my return to America further to work for and investigate supernatural phenomena; that Sir Arthur would, if he could, send me a message from the Beyond.

During my forty years acquaintance with Spiritualism, I have met most of the famous mediums. Quite some time ago, I was destined to meet for the third time the late Mrs. Laura Pruden, rated as one of the most convincing slate-writing mediums in the world. The meeting was quite unexpected.

Mrs. Pruden was a sweet, cultured lady of about seventy years of age, the widow of an American judge. She had been to

England at the invitation of the British College of Psychic Science, giving the greatest satisfaction to the keenest psychical researchers, and so winning the approval of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, that he invited her to be a guest at his house, and was photographed with him in his own garden.

Not Premeditated

I mention the matter to show that Mrs. Pruden had so won the respect of Doyle that she was a medium through whom he might well be expected to attempt to reach this world.



Laura PRUDEN

Circumstances had never given me the opportunity of testing Mrs. Pruden's psychic powers, although she had invited me to witness them on one occasion. Other engagements would not allow me to accept this offer. The memorable sitting I had with her on the 18th August, 1930, came about at my own request, she squeezing me in between previously arranged engagements. There was therefore nothing premeditated about the experiment.

It is not easy to convey an idea of the simplicity of the seance, which was held in The Lilly Hotel at Chesterfield Spiritualist Camp, Chesterfield, Indiana. Mrs. Pruden was staying there for three days only and then returning to Cincinnati, O.

Uncertainty of Mediumship

A more normal medium than Mrs. Pruden it would have been impossible to find. There was no sign of entrancement or the slightest apparent change of personality. No payment was expected of me and none given; we were just two friends seeking the same thing, namely, communications from the dead. The room was fully lighted by the sun as the hour was nine a. m.

Mrs. Pruden was never sure whether her powers would function quickly or slowly, so we settled down in hoping for the best. At the medium's request, I had written a message to a relative of mine, unknown to the medium, folded the paper and placed it on

the floor near to my feet. Mrs. Pruden never touched nor attempted to touch this note. It was impossible therefore for her to know normally what I had written.

We sat talking together, Mrs. Pruden holding in her right hand two slates placed together, both of which I had examined closely before proceedings commenced. They had been washed thoroughly in my presence. Between them had been placed a mere point of slate-pencil with which the writing was to be done.

The Phenomena Begins

Nothing happened for about an hour, and I secretly began to fear a complete failure. Conan Doyle never entered my thoughts, and even when Mrs. Pruden said she saw the outline of the form of a big man standing near me, it failed to awaken any thought of the great novelist.

After awhile the slates began to twist and turn as if some strange force was endeavoring to wrest them from the medium's hands, and Mrs. Pruden expressed the opinion that the "power was being forced." The twisting and squirming of the slates became so strong that Mrs. Pruden called on me to assist her in holding them, she grasping two of the corners (Continued on Page 12, Col. 1)

Right Thinking

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In the ordinary course of human life, without great reverses of fortune, impressions are likely to be governed by one sphere, and consequently being viewed from one stand-point only, are one-sided. If you were to view a cataract at a distance, and make no allowance for the position in viewing it, its diminished size, besides the lack of the sound of falling waters, you would have no more idea of its charms than though you had never seen it. Thus it is when position is allowed to prejudice the mind.

How natural it seems for everyone to take most interest in the sphere in which he lives. Every family is like a separate planet, with its satellites revolving around it; outside affairs are sometimes viewed by these small worlds as of small importance if they do not relate in any way to their own interests.

Prejudice Repels

No one is surprised if an ordinary laborer cares little with what new work of surrealism *Salvatore Dali* has delighted the art world; or if *Rosa Bonheur* was an artist or writer of fiction; if *Walter Scott* wrote the *Lady of the Lake* or *Robinson Crusoe*; a family depends on the poor man's labor, and his aspirations after refinement, if ever possessed, have been crushed by the wants of poverty, and he has settled down into the narrow groove of his existence.

The business man has little time to attend to charities—those when the left hand knows not what the right hand doeth. A higher position is sought, and how to increase his wealth is the greatest interest and aim of his existence, and of more reality to him than the widows' and orphans' cry, which never reaches his sympathy.

Prejudice is by far the greatest cause of persons being narrow minded, for it bars the door of the mind, admitting no liberal ideas. Instances of this are so

The Battle Fronts

What Happens To Those Who Do Not Return?

The prison camp dozed in the noonday heat. A boy, delirious with pain, sighed in long-drawn whispers, *Mother, Mother.*

A sentry on guard duty thought to himself, "Poor devil! What is this hellish business all about anyway?"

The language of the heart is universal. All tongues know the word, *Mother.*

At home that very mother was on her knees, asking protection for her boy.

Meanwhile, at a far-off post in a jungle swamp the pal of the dying soldier could not shake off the thought of his boyhood friend.

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They had hoped to be together, but one had gone east and the other west, where mails were few and far apart.

"Jim is dying," he said to himself. "I'm not going to see him again."

Hours passed. Day dragged on to night, night to day. Still the dying boy moaned for his mother.

"I can't stand this much longer," said one prisoner to another. "I'd like to put that kid out of his misery."

In his delirium the lad began to talk softly as to an imaginary comrade. "Thanks, pal! I knew you wouldn't forget me. Make it up to Mother if you can. Do your best to help her as you are helping me."

Over a far-off jungle island the moon was rising, casting weird shadows across the swamplands. Watchful sentries waited for a surprise attack.

A figure came silently through the shadows across the jungle waters.

"If that's a Jap, I'll be damned. With all their tricks I never saw them walk on water before. Hold your fire, men, till he comes closer."

To their amazement the stranger wore the uniform of a U. S. aviator. He gave the gasping marines a searching inspection and moved on to the main encampment.

As an arrow hits the mark, he entered the last rude fox hole in the jagged line.

"Wake up, John," he said, "I'm taking Jim with me. Be good to mother and tell her it's for the best. He has only followed marching orders to a higher branch of the service where he is badly needed."

John roused suddenly from sleep. "What a strange dream!" he thought.

He did not know an angel's wing had touched him as he slept.

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numerous that there is no need to elaborate further. Compare out own religious liberties, and the freedom of thought in our own age and country, to the "reign of terror."

Some allow preconceived notions to become so firm that they are unwilling to investigate a subject fairly, fearing the truth might be at variance with their own pet theories. Opinions differ as greatly as any one subject as the

variety of different minds and experiences of the persons who discuss them.

We have an illustration of this in the reading of the Bible; how many religious sects there are who take it for their guide, who differ in some minor points; yet who shall presume to sit in judgment and say all are wrong who do not adopt his "articles of faith?"

See Good In All

In order to be liberal-minded it is not necessary to swerve from our principles of right, nor accept every theory advocated; but, believing that there is more than one route to a great city, be willing to take the pleasantest, and most profitable and surest road there, even though you have been in the habit of going another way.

It is very refreshing to converse with or read the writings of one whose ideas come to you like the sunshine after the summer rain, leading your thoughts into a new channel; you gain intellectual activity, which brings permanent good.

Look at life in the face, not seeing men as trees walking, but with the love and charity which sees goodness in all mankind, and recognizes truth in disguise; then only can you expect to be truly noble in mind and life.

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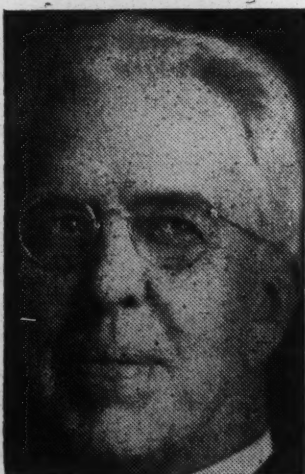
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The Other Side of Spiritualism

Mediumship, rightly understood, actually supplies not only the evidence of man continuing after death but that he must possess the inhering elements which guarantee his continuance in accordance with natural law.

Be a Philosopher Not a Fanatic

By J. J. Morse

It is not intended to discuss the question whether there is a bad side and a good side to *Spiritualism*. For, after all, such matters depend upon the use to which people put their *Spiritualism*. To one it may appear as a golden ladder leading heavenward, while another may assert its only value consists in the ability of the spirits to advise upon the affairs of daily life.

While, possibly, neither might grasp the fundamental facts in man and nature upon which *Spiritualism* is erected. As in most edifices, their foundations are out of sight, so it is in the case of our philosophy. It is the unseen foundation which is the other side of *Spiritualism*, to which this consideration is devoted.

Extinction or Continuity

As a means of demonstrating man's survival of bodily death, communion with departed human beings, once established, is irrefragably conclusive; but the great stumbling block to agnostics and materialists is the apparent lack of evidence for the existence in man in this life of that which may survive bodily death.

Once demonstrate the existence here of a super-man, shall we say, then the proposition that the super-man may be a continuing reality enters into the problem of what is the ultimate of human existence, i. e., whether it is extinction or continuity?

The only sound doctrine on the points involved is that man contains within himself the elements of continuity here, while he is in the body. Otherwise, his existence beyond bodily limits require a non-natural or miraculous cause to effect that result. The Christian psychology, if one may so describe the eschatology of the churches regarding death and its consequences, provides a miraculous solution and presupposes that by the "breath of life" having been "breathed into the nostrils" of Adam, "man became a living soul."

Look at the Facts

But the fact that man is, or has, a living soul is left as a question of undemonstrated belief. It is precisely here that the need arises for the demonstration of the allegation, which would convert it into a statement of fact.

Scientifically, until this proof

is produced, men may reasonably argue they have no evidence that man is "a living soul" now, and therefore they are legitimately entitled to doubt his future life.

While not quite sympathizing with the methods of many psychological researchers in their attempts to discount the spiritual origin of our phenomena, and that mediumship shows the actions of spirits, we can commend them for the large accumulation of facts they have recorded, showing that man has subjective faculties, whose operations transcend the form of his ordinary consciousness. In this regard valuable service has been rendered to the world.



J. J. MORSE

While all honest attempts to differentiate the phenomena of mediumship into what is due to subjective functioning in the individual, and what is due to the action of spirits upon the individual, are to be warmly commended. That some people can see, hear, cognize, and exhibit other actions of super-normal functioning has been abundantly demonstrated.

The question remains, what is it that thus supernormally operates? To meet the question by saying there are stratas of consciousness—normal, sub-normal, and super-normal—sounds attractive to some, but it leaves untouched the other question of what are those actions the expressions of.

Reality of Mediumship

Clearly, there is a difference between an expression and the thing that thus expresses itself. Mesmerism, hypnotism, and their allied phenomena of trance, clairvoyance, clairsentience, being independent of the normal modes of human functioning show that there is something more in men than is related to their normal life. If I function through my body, my body is not me. One cannot be house and tenant at the same time. Here, then, is a gleam, there is a something behind our expressions, whether those expressions be normal or supernormal. If that something can transcend the limits of its bodily environment while in the flesh, surely it is not absurd to argue that it can survive its removal from its bodily environment at the crisis we describe as dissolution.

Further, mediumship actually depends upon the reality of these

subnormal or supernormal faculties, for they must be the points of contact between the spirit living in the, relatively, supernormal state with the person whom he desires to "control."

The True Interpretation

Thus mediumship, rightly understood, actually supplies not only the evidence of man continuing after death, but that he must possess the inhering elements which guarantee his continuance in accord with natural law.

Spiritualism, based upon these dual evidences, occupies an impenetrable position. We have the ante-mortem facts on the one side and the post-mortem facts upon the other side. We need to pay due heed to the precedent in our argument, for the succedent is actually dependent thereupon.

This is the other side of *Spiritualism* that must come to the front. This is the true interpretation of the mystery of mediumship. Let us be philosophers, rather than fanatics.

A few thoughts Concerning

PRAYER

By H. A. DALLAS

There are some who do not pray to God, not because they do not believe in Him, but because they do—they reason thus: God is all wise and all good. He knows our needs and will supply without any prayer from us. To those who thus reason these thoughts are offered.

We know that God works through human and angelic ministers; we believe that our thought-forces bring us into touch with His ministering spirits, incarnate and discarnate, and these thought forces are our individual contribution to Divine work; they are a part of His ordered agencies. Prayer is the Divine method whereby these innumerable agencies are brought into harmonious co-operation in the spiritual sphere.

We need not wait to use this wireless telegraphy until we can fully explain how it works. We lift up our hearts' desires in faith to the Eternal Love, the Eternal Mind, the Eternal Will, and we are thereby brought into closer communion with an innumerable company of loving spirits, who do His pleasure.

Intelligent Co-operation

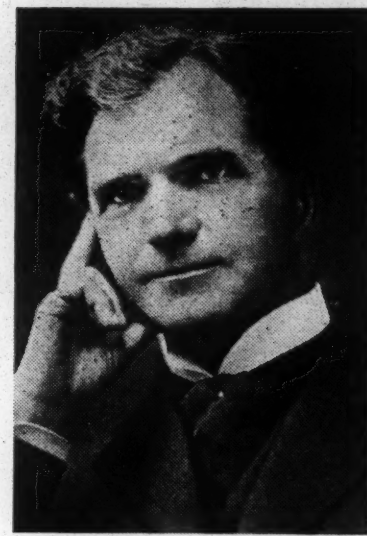
In this spirit of love we "bear one another's burdens and so fulfil the law of Christ." Prayer and its achievements are not arbitrary but are the carrying out of law, Divine, inscrutable and good, the law which governs a universe wherein all is action and re-action, and no single being liveth to himself alone, but in which the influence of each is perpetually affecting others, for good or for evil.

This world is not the sphere of causes; we act as we are prompted. We believe that the promptings come from beings in another sphere, and when they are right promptings we regard them as inspirations from the One Eternal Cause of causes, and believe that our best thoughts are instigated by wise and loving spiritual beings who are the channels and agents of the Divine Life.

That Perfect Spirit of Wisdom and Love is immanent in all His hosts; as the life circulates through the arteries and veins of a physical body, so does the Divine Life nourish every individual unit out of His infinite resources, holding each in closest relation with all by ministering His life to us through one another.

Our part is to open ourselves to

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this inflowing Grace, to listen, to understand, to co-operate consciously and intelligently. And prayer is one way by which we thus co-operate.

Moreover, prayer prompted by unseen presences re-acts upon the sphere whence it is inspired. They feel our thoughts and desires as we do theirs; and prayer thus becomes a means of real communion, for they and we are acting together, are together sending out thought-forces, and by our obedience to the law of reciprocity, which is the fundamental element in prayer, a wider range of fellowship is opened to us and to them, and they with us attain to a completer realization of the joy of being "perfected into one."

Instrument of Prayer

To refuse to pray on the ground that God knows our needs may perchance involve present loss; loss of this fuller realization that comes when the laws of God are obediently accepted and acted upon.

It has been said: "Prayer is the principal instrument whereby we minister to God in execution of the decrees of eternal pre-destination."

If there is any truth in predestination, what is the use of prayer?

The problem is too big for us whilst we are in our present limitations. Just as it is impossible to find in our solar system a base line wide enough to enable astronomers to obtain a parallax for the measurement of the distance of remote stars, so our mental base is not extended enough to enable us to solve this problem; but Professor William James makes a suggestion in one of his essays which may give us a clue as to the direction in which the ultimate solution may be found.

Speaking of Divine Providence, he says:

"The belief in free will is not in the least incompatible with the belief in Providence, provided you do not restrict the Providence to fulfilling nothing but FATAL decrees. If you allow Him to provide possibilities as well as actualities to the universe, and to carry on His thinking in these two categories just as we do ours, chances may be there, uncontrolled even by Him, and the course of the universe be really ambiguous and yet the end of all things may be just what He intended it to be from all eternity."

Professor James

"An analogy will make the meaning of this clear. Suppose two men before a chess board—the one a novice, the other an expert player of the game. The expert intends to beat. But he cannot foresee exactly what any one actual move of his adversary may be. He knows, however, all the possible moves of the latter; and he knows in advance how to meet each of them by a move of his own which leads in the direction of victory. And the victory infallibly arrives, after no matter how devious a course, in the one prede-

PEACE DWELLS WITHIN

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down their earth-worn bodies, and pass away in sleep.

"When our summons comes to join the 'innumerable company' it should find us ready and prepared. Joyfully we should slip off the old coat and eagerly put on the new. We will not be afraid or even reluctant, realizing that we are always living in God's life, and that there we shall live forever. We will go even with joy, expecting that Swedenborg was right when he taught that those who have been nearest in spirit and, therefore, dearest to us here, are the divinely appointed ones to greet and to care for and instruct us when we pass into another phase of life.

Ben Franklin Said . . .

The loss of friends by the transition we call death will not cause sorrow to the soul that has come into the realization of his oneness with the Infinite Spirit—of life and power—for he knows that there is no such thing as death, that each one is not only a partaker, but an eternal partaker, of this Infinite Life.

"It was wise Ben Franklin who said: 'We cannot all go on together; why should we grieve when one goes on before, and joins the immortals? We will follow them one day, and we now know where they have gone.'

"One must eventually find peace in the thought of death. Yes, the parting may be hard," reflected Mr. Trine, and then he added gently, "but our loved ones are always ours, in spirit. And that's how we'll rejoin them. I like to recall the beautiful lines written by my friend, John Burroughs, the naturalist, when he was still a young man and going through a period of great perplexity:

"I stay my haste, I make delays,
For what avails this eager pace?
I stand amid eternal ways,
And what is mine shall know my face.

The stars come anight to the sky:
The tidal wave unto the sea;
But time, nor space, nor deep, nor high,
Can keep my own away from me."

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ted form of checkmate to the novice's king."

Professor James goes on to postulate the possibility that this ambiguity may have been part of the Divine intention from the outset of the creation of this universe; which would imply not that God COULD not have determined every single action, but that it was not His will so to do, that He purposefully left certain details to be determined by the free choice of His creatures.

"Of one thing, however, He might be certain; and that is that His world was safe, and that no matter how much it might zig-zag He could surely bring it home at last."

If a man abstains from prayer, he may by this abstinence delay the issue, having failed to exert his spiritual faculty in the way which would have brought him into co-operation with the hosts of spiritual agents through whom the Divine Will is manifesting itself "on earth as in heaven."

Read the book . . .

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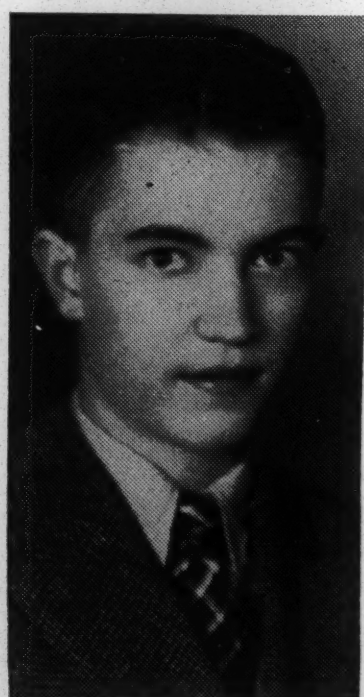
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With unyielding determination, these two press forward. Their attitude toward the tempters is one of disinterest, and this very indifference to them causes the evil forces to lose their vitality—thus do they fade away as drooping figures bereft of influence.

The forces of opposition may grow more fierce, or more subtle, in the higher altitudes, but nothing can delay or harm these fearless ones whose pure, one-pointed will to attain is the Light which clears every step as it is mounted.

May we learn from this great work that our self-attracted foes are powerless to defeat us when our wholehearted attention is upon God—the Infinite Power of Supreme Good.

—Florence A. Newhouse.

Where Is YOUR FAITH?

Are you suffering from disbelief in God?

By DORTCH CAMPBELL

Do you really believe in God's power to heal you, restore the broken parts of your life, bring you happiness? Should one go among others asking such a question, the indignant answer would be, "Certainly, I have faith in God!"

You pray and you sing praises and worship him in your cathedrals. You are a student of Truth—all these things you have kept from your youth up. You indeed point with pride to your advancement. You thank God you are not like those who do not understand.

But where is your faith? What does your life say? Can you honestly say that you believe when you are ill and lonely and a failure? What better proof could one find than this that your faith is misplaced? That you do not believe in God's power to heal you and make you happy?

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Are you not groping and grasping with all your heart and mind and soul at something and call that something God? Is it not a fact that there is in reality only a wee corner of your conscious mind that has faith in God?

A woman who had been identified with a great Truth movement for a long time told me of the things she had suffered. She had

been operated on three times for malignant growths; there had been one or two other minor operations. She had been taking medicine for a long time. She pursued the vitamins, ate health foods, engaged in physical gymnastics in her bedroom night and morning, applied Nature Cure methods.

In spite of all she was doing to regain health and her studies of metaphysics she was drifting down, a lost soul on earth. She asked me to tell her what ailed her.

My answer was, "You suffer from disbelief in God."

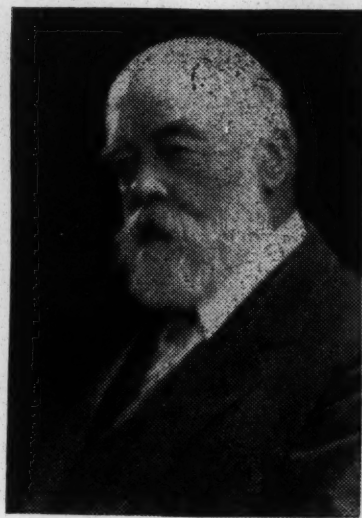
It was a brutal thing to say to a woman who had devoted most of her life to metaphysical research. But is it not advisable to tell the truth as well as try to live it? Your frankness nevertheless is never appreciated; she was indignant.

Proper Understanding

"You do not understand!" Her face flushed. "I must find something. I look everywhere for a remedy. It is a question of life or death, and I am desperate." There was fright in her eyes, and anybody looking into them could easily understand.

We are all like that when facing an emergency in any part of life. I remembered, looking at her, how I once trod my days in agony when suffering from a tropical ailment. Like her I had refused to take death lying down, which is a process of Metaphysics, and like her I tried most of the cures and all the systems of Truth and Half-Truth in vogue in that generation. I fretted and squirmed and schemed, but in spite of seeking I was drifting down.

Most of the systems I tried have merit; all things seem to fit into their proper places like a grand mosaic, and in my case I got good from all I tried and a wisdom that



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"I tell you, with all the strength and conviction I can utter, that we do persist, that people over there still take an interest in what is going on here; that they still help us, and know far more about things than we do, and are able, from time to time to communicate with us."

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has stood with me to this day. But are not all the creeds and systems only for those who lack faith in God? I know I got to a point where I asked myself, "Where is your faith?" Wasn't it in systems and things?

And the answer that came back was very clear. So, remembering, I said to the woman: "What you have done it needful for those very close to earth, but you have got greater light. I think the time has come for you to cling to that which is higher." Eventually she understood what I tried to convey and she is slowly evolving out of ill health.

What Actually Happens

The Christ asked that pregnant question. You remember that story—He and His disciples went into the ship and set forth for the other side, and he fell asleep, and there came down a storm of wind on the lake; and the ship was filled with water, and they were in jeopardy.

Disciples in an agony of fright rushed to his side and awakened him, crying, "Master, master, we perish!" Then he arose and rebuked the wind and the raging of the water; and they ceased, and there was a calm.

And he saith unto them, Where is your faith? Is it centered in the boisterous wind and the raging water?

What happens when we put complete and unfaltering trust in God? Why, all the misbegotten dragging emotions of the mind are put behind us. The sad and un-

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According to "Believe It or Not" Ripley, our soldiers have seen *The Wailing Rock* of Furstenwalde, Berlin Province. This 1600 ton rock was split by lightning in 1745 . . . and at that time, this curiously prophetic inscription was engraved on top of the rock . . . "Within two centuries after the fire from the heaven has rent this rock, the time will come when the German people will weep sadly." . . . and this is 1945! Has any Bible student overlooked the handwriting on the wall episode?

Why cannot the Philadelphia Bulletin at least be original? It seems that they have just printed a story assembled by "Mr. and Mrs. B. U. Letin." This series of articles attempts to ridicule the religion of Spiritualism by sending reporters out under trick names. Years ago, The Philadelphia Record used the same stunt . . . their reporter faking the name of "Mr. and Mrs. Ray Cord." In both instances, the lady was the same "Rose," who has for years been trying to find an honest medium. If she had used a lantern instead of an axe, she might have been successful ages ago.

According to Meade Layne's mimeographed periodical, "The Round Robin," June 10th "Psychic Observer" printed an article to his liking. He congratulated us upon the story as to how Maurice (The Great) Raymond became convinced at a seance. Layne also cites many instances of fact where magicians and conjurers have been made to acknowledge the truth of supernatural manifestations.

Says Mr. Layne:

"It reminds us too, to turn back the pages a bit. Samuel Bellachini, Court Conjurer at Berlin, signed an affidavit (Dec. 6, 1877), saying that his prolonged examination of the phenomena of HENRY SLADE showed that they were not and could not be produced by "presidigitative means."

JOHN NEVIL MASKELYNE, the famous English conjurer, admitted publicly that there were "genuine" phenomena which he could not reproduce under the same conditions.

"The French conjurer ROBERT HOUDIN, investigating the clairvoyance of ALEXIS DIDIER, declared that he could offer no explanation. The magician Jacobs, writing in Licht, mehr Licht (Paris, May 16, 1880), and addressing the Psychological Society of Paris, avowed himself a spiritualist and suggested certain tests of genuine manifestations.

"As to the first three named, they did not, of course, go so far as to support the spiritualist interpretation, merely said they couldn't understand or reproduce the happenings.

"We instance these cases because there are still a multitude of half-wits, who really believe that if an event can be imitated by trickery, it was a trick in the first place and ever afterward, and that no sleight-of-hand "artist" believes in anything else but sleight, and that a materialized spirit is no more wonderful than a rabbit in a hat, because you can't tell where either of them came from—but you know the rabbit was juggled in, so the spirit must have been.

"But all such stuff (and one could print a near-bookful of it) "requires not an answer but an education."

relenting self is forgot. We rise and get into the stream of consciousness that is divine.

How can we believe? How attain faith? What, think you, is that better part? Do we not find faith in God when we leave behind us that which is so unlike our divine nature? You must not think about the snakes that are to be found in every life if you look for them.

It is our own emanations and misconceptions, fostered by a miasmatic sort of spiritual lassitude, that creates them until they hold you fast. We might absorb the reptiles as blood is oxygenated and destroys poisons by pouring out our spiritual strength upon them, but only extremely rare souls

do this. Not many of us, clinging tenaciously to earth-life, care to be a mystic or seer, and there seems to be an easier or at least a more practical way.

Overcome Your Handicaps

Consider the case of President Roosevelt to clarify my meaning and purpose. You do not know it, and I can not prove it, but I am positive that Mr. Roosevelt lived at a higher level of consciousness insofar as his body is concerned. To most of us he seemed quite human. But this is what I understand about him, that all his life, since he was stricken by infantile paralysis, his whole mind and heart and soul was engaged in that destiny to which he was called.

Most persons so troubled would have put all they had received into getting well. Mr. Roosevelt set aside his frailty in doing the world's work. I doubt that he has ever sought hither and thither to break his physical fetters. Any other man would have succumbed long before. But he put his faith in life, which is also faith in God, and by that sign he was able to rise above his handicap.

Most persons are always going through something that drags on them and tries to force them back. Where is your faith? Is all the power of your life centered in your handicaps or have you turned that problem over to God?

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HOW DOYLE RETURNED TO ME

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and I the other two; thus the slates were extended between us.

As soon as I held my corners, the writing commenced and proceeded with great rapidity, the scratching of the pencil being distinctly audible, even to the crossing of the "i's" and the dotting of the "i's." We could also feel the slates vibrating strongly under the impulsion of the invisible writer.

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Difficult To Judge

It is one thing to receive a supernatural communication purporting to be from the spirit of a certain dead person and actually to receive such a communication. I have had too much to do with mediums to believe all that they say or that is said about them.

If this message was from Conan Doyle it ought to bear unmistakably the impress of his personality, and if his hand was not in it, his mind should certainly be.

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It would appear from my research, moreover, that my discoveries apply not only to the troubles that I have already mentioned (and with which I have had personal experience), but also they apply in great measure to most other troubles—such as appendicitis, asthma, catarrhs, stomach ulcers, diabetes, arthritis or rheumatism, headaches, feelings of fear and insecurity, cancer, tuberculosis, and even stuttering.

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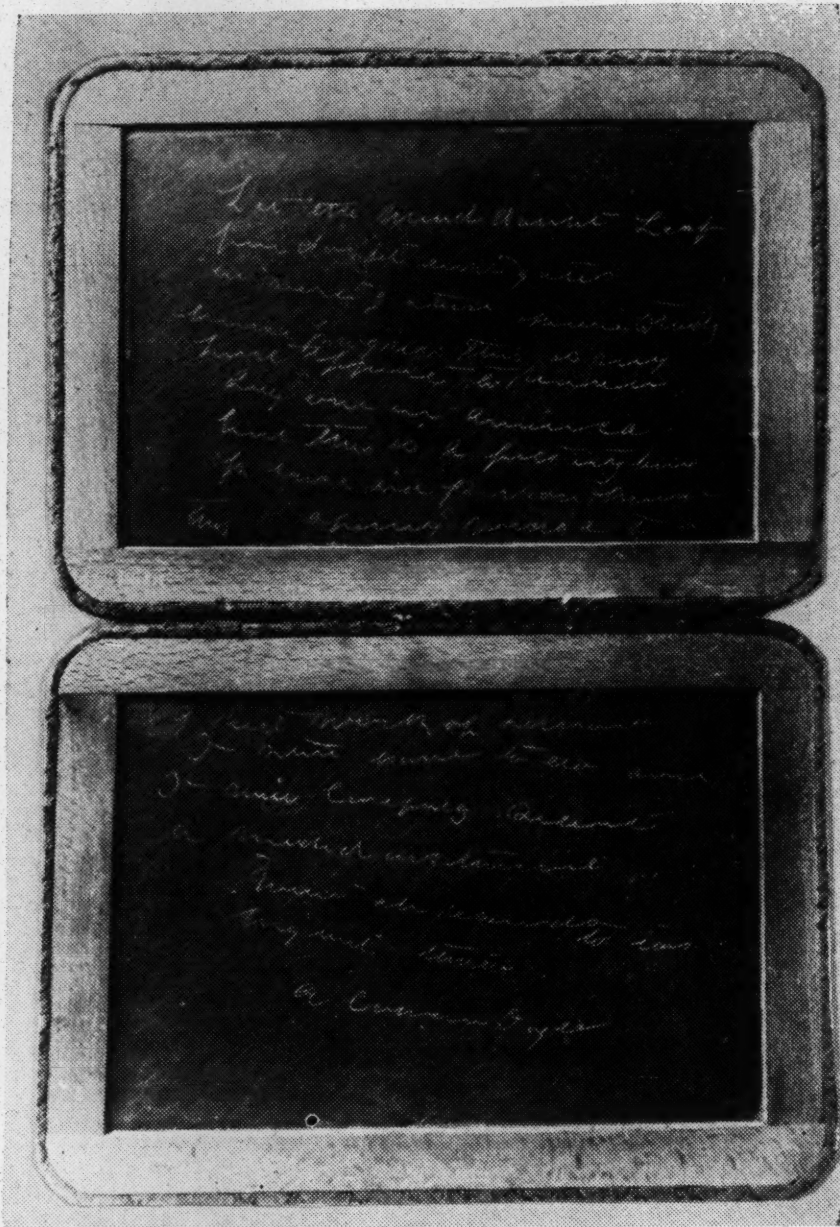
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The above is a reproduction of the original slates upon which the hand-writing of the late Conan Doyle were received by Horace Leaf. Thousands have had equal success and attest to the unusual slate-writing mediumship of Mrs. Pruden, who passed away over ten years ago.

himself as a great artist's picture are of himself. The personality is in the writing, because the writing is part of the personality.

Now it is not difficult for one who knew Doyle as intimately as I knew him to gauge the value of the internal evidence of any message written by him on the subject of Spiritualism. I have not only read his numerous works on the subject, but have heard him speak in public upon it many times and often talked with him in private about it.

Signatures Compared

Immediately upon reading the message on the slates I was assured that it had come from the great Spiritualist leader. It was written in a style reminiscent of Doyle speaking carefully on the subject. It was his phrasing, his method, his thought, and what is still more interesting signed in his own handwriting. The signature has been compared with his normal signature and there is the most striking resemblance between them.

Of course, some allowance has to be made for the difficulties under which the message was written. There is, I am sure, not a living person who could have written his own name at all under the conditions controlling that message; that a dead man should do it seems utterly incredible to those who know nothing of the ways of spirits.

Perhaps the best testimony that can be offered in support of the authenticity of the message is that of an Associated Press correspondent came down post-haste to see the message and get the story.

The Message Reads...

Fortunately he was a great Doyle admirer, had read all that he had written in secular matters, and had admired him so much that he forgave him for being a Spiritualist.

Immediately he read the script he said, "This is certainly from Conan Doyle, the signature is his, the sentences are worded exactly after his style."

Those who are acquainted with the manner in which Sherlock

Holmes usually addressed Dr. Watson in the famous detective stories will agree with the correspondent. There is the same propounding of the major premise, as it were, and the same method of deduction.

Here is the message:—
'Let the world doubt, Leaf, for doubt instigates investigation; hence progress. This is my first effort to reach any one in America; but this is a fitting time, place and person; hence this opening wedge to a great work of advance I still have to do and I will carefully select a needed instrument. With all regards to this highest truth.'

A. Conan Doyle.

A study of the text of the writing will show that Doyle's hand was not so much in that as in the signature, as he was a particularly clear writer. There was no pretense on the part of the medium that Doyle did write the entire message although he doubtless dictated it.

Doubt Causes Investigation

There is a technique involved in these supernatural happenings which, when they are consistent, as in the case of well-developed mediumship, seem to involve the more or less constant operation or supervision of some presiding intelligence. This is known usually as the "control." It was such that supervises most of the actual writing in the case of Mrs. Pruden's slates.

Every effort one would suppose, would be made to enable the entity trying to establish his



The above is a reproduction of a photograph of a slate writing received through the mediumship of P.L.O.A. Keeler at Lily Dale, N.Y., several years ago. This slate (or rather card placed between slates) was submitted to PSYCHIC OBSERVER by Robert J. Caldwell, prominent business man, residing at 439 East 51st St., New York City. Mr. Caldwell has sat with Keeler over a period of twenty years. Incidentally Keeler is in his ninetieth year continuing his public demonstrations of slate-writing.

identity through slate-writing, to produce the most tangible results. In the case of the Doyle message this is shown in the signature.

Conan Doyle was a firm believer in spirits and some of his articles have been published in his "Ghost Stories." It is an interesting speculation to wonder what he will attempt in the future. He had no objection to the term "ghost" so long as it was applied to the popular meaning attached to it.

In his case, we may well suppose that his apparitional flights will always be carefully timed and controlled bringing pleasure and not the sadness so often associated with ordinary ghostly phenomena.

Reliability of Message

But what happened to the questions I had written? Well, a few minutes after the Doyle message Mrs. Pruden received rapid writing on both sides of a slate that I had myself brought to the seance room. This message purported to be indited by the person to whom I had addressed my questions and I have no doubt that it was.

It answered my questions in every detail, and then gave me some perfectly true information about a relation of mine in England, information contrary to my expectations, but which a letter from this person confirmed within one week!

This second message goes a long way towards confirming the reliability of the Doyle message.

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as it was written in the style of the person from whom it was supposed to come, making exactly the misspellings and grammatical errors that she used to make. The medium never knew anything about her, had never heard of her.

Codes Have Been Received

Another circumstance worth reporting is that a dear friend of mine had a sitting with Mrs. Pruden in hope of hearing from her intended husband who had died about six weeks before. On his death bed he had promised that if he could possibly communicate with her, he would do so, and for that purpose arranged a code on which they both agreed. He was to give that code from the beyond. Mrs. Pruden, of course, knew nothing about this.

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